

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please amend claims 4, 8, 13, 17 and 21.

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method for enforcing copy protection in a medium, the method comprising:
permanently securing a read/write RFID to the medium;
storing in the RFID an indication of the number of copies that can be made of the medium;
detecting when a copy of the medium is selected to be made;
reading the indication of the number of copies that can be made of the medium;
and
if the indication meets a predetermined condition, wherein the condition is determined at least in part by communicating with an authorization process via a digital network, then preventing creation of a copy of the medium.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising
creating a copy of the medium; and
updating the indication in the RFID.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising
setting a copy restriction in the copy of the medium.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the copy restriction includes
preventing copies of the copy of the medium from being created.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for enforcing access rights to a medium, the method comprising:
permanently securing a read/write RFID to the medium;

storing in the RFID an indication relating to access rights;
detecting when a copy of the medium is selected to be made;
reading the access rights indication; and
if the indication meets a predetermined condition, wherein the condition is determined at least in part by communicating with an authorization process via a digital network, then enforcing access rights to the medium.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein access rights are in accordance with a Copy Control Information (CCI) standard.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein access rights are in accordance with an Extended Copy Control Information (ExCCI) standard.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the access rights are in accordance with Copy Generation Management System (CGMS).

12. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein access rights include a restriction on the number of copies that can be made of content on the medium.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for authorizing a copy of a medium, the method comprising:

detecting a first RFID tag value;
detecting correlating information on the medium;
comparing the first RFID tag value to the detected correlating information to determine if there is a correlation;
if a correlation is determined then detecting a second RFID tag value; and
if the detected second RFID tag value meets a predetermined condition, wherein the condition is determined at least in part by communicating with an authorization process via a digital network, then authorizing a copy of the medium if a correlation is determined.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the correlating information includes an identification code.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the correlating information includes a digital watermark.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the detected second RFID tag value is encrypted.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for authorizing a copy of a medium, wherein the medium includes an RFID tag, the apparatus comprising:

an RFID read/write unit for reading the RFID tag and for updating a value stored in the RFID tag;

a media read/write unit; and

a control system for accepting a signal from the RFID read/write unit, wherein the control system is responsive to an authorization process using communication via a digital network to indicate that a copy can be made.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a housing including the media read/write unit, wherein the RFID read/write unit is external to the housing.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the RFID read/write unit is in communication with an authorization process.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the authorization process is remotely located from the RFID read/write unit.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 20,~~ An apparatus for authorizing a copy of a medium, wherein the medium includes an RFID tag, the apparatus comprising:
an RFID read/write unit for reading the RFID tag and for updating a value stored in the RFID tag;
a media read/write unit;
a control system for accepting a signal from the RFID read/write unit to indicate that a copy can be made, wherein the RFID read/write unit is in communication with an authorization process, wherein the authorization process is remotely located from the RFID read/write unit, and wherein the RFID read/write unit is in communication with the authorization process via digital network.